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MEMORANDUM

To: All Users of the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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SUBJECT: **Interim Guidance; Part 2, Signs**
Section 2B.69, Expanded “Move Over Law” Signs

This Interim Guidance to the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (DE MUTCD) is related to the use of the MOVE OVER OR REDUCE SPEED FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES (SR1-18-DE) Sign.

In June 2023 the Delaware General Assembly passed House Bill 92, expanding the existing “Move Over” law to include all disabled vehicles in addition to emergency and maintenance vehicles. Accordingly, DelDOT is providing revised Option, Guidance, Standard, and Support statements regarding the use of SR1-18-DE, all of which supersede language currently published:

Section 2B.69 MOVE OVER OR REDUCE SPEED FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY, MAINTENANCE, and DISABLED VEHICLES Sign (SR1-18-DE)

Guidance:

01 (DE Revision) MOVE OVER OR REDUCE SPEED FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY, MAINTENANCE, and DISABLED VEHICLES (SR-1-18-DE) signs should be located at all major points of entry into the state to inform motorists of their responsibilities under §4134(b) of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, to take appropriate action when approaching stationary vehicles, including authorized emergency, DelDOT, and disabled vehicles.

Support:

02 (DE Revision) Major points of entry include Interstate, U.S. route, and State route crossings of the state line.

Standard:

03 (DE Revision) SR1-18-DE signs shall have a black legend and border on a white background. SR1-18-DE signs shall also have a header panel at the top of the sign with the black legend, STATE LAW, on a yellow background (see Figure 1).

Guidance:

04 (DE Revision) When installed along multi-lane divided highways, SR 1-18-DE signs should be installed on both the right-hand and left-hand sides of the roadway when adequate space is available.

05 (DE Revision) Since SR1-18-DE signs do not pertain to a specific location, the signs, when used, should be located in open areas away from other signing to more easily attract the attention of motorists.

Option:

06 (DE Revision) SR1-18-DE signs may be located at other locations along major highways including Interstates, U.S. routes and State routes.

07 (DE Revision) SR1-18-DE signs may be installed on roads entering cities, towns, and municipalities at the request of the local government.

Standard:

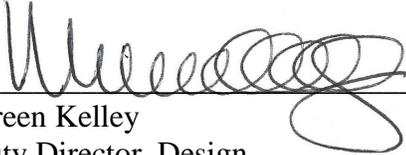
08 (DE Revision) The cost to install and maintain SR1-18-DE signs located on roads entering cities, towns, and municipalities shall be the responsibility of the local government requesting the signs.



Figure 1: Updated SR1-18-DE Sign

Should you have questions concerning the information contained in this Interim Guidance, please contact my office at (302) 659-4060.

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